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## EDITORIAL.

“Growth and Progress” is evidently to be our motto in 1911, no less than in previous years. On every hand the report is “Better than 1910.” In numbers, just for this one term, we have to “mark time,” as we are quite full up, and can take in no more until the new building is finished. In school work there is evidence of a higher standard all round, but this can only be tested by examinations. We have a good record to show in Football, and in Cricket, though it is early yet, the team promises well. The Cadet Corps—now a Battalion—is not only numerically stronger, but keener and more efficient in every respect. In shooting, the Gallery Match scores were ten per cent. higher than last year, while the first range practices point to no falling-off in this respect either, when the big matches come round.

But, alas!—pride comes before a fall! A cloud has come over our horizon, and the Iliad of our woes may be summed up in one word—Measles!

The sun still rises and sets, and school goes on the same, but the irrevocable lid has been shut down on some of our most cherished plans.

However, we have writ on our banner “Never say die,” and with “Carry On” as our war-cry we reply to the question “Are we down-hearted?” with a loud and confident “No!”

## SCHOOL NOTES.

The following boys joined us this term:

R. F. G. Clayton (iv.) (boarder), Form I., Vancouver.

W. E. Bulman (day-boy), Form I., Victoria.

Patterson, (boarder\*), Form II., Seattle.

J. M. Low (boarder\*), Form I., Vancouver.

The following out-boarders have been admitted to the School House:

E. J. Curtis, N. Smith, C. W. Gordon ii, A. C. Stirling.

The following have returned as boarders this term:

R. Beech, A. Agur, P. Agur, W. H. Ramsay.

Boys temporarily absent this term:

J. Decker, H. Poole, T. de Pencier, R. Palmer.

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The following boys gained their removes this term:

Into the Sixth Form—Taylor, Devine i, McAnally, Thorsen, Creery ii.

Into the Fifth Form—Mackinnon, Drewry, Galer, Schofield, Morten.

Into the Fourth Form—Bell-Irving, Costerton, Woodward iii, Shaw ii, Hart.

Into the Third Form—Loewen and Holms i.

Into the Second Form—Marr, Goddard i, Byrn i.

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Two small additions to the School out-buildings have just been made. A new locker-room for the seniors only, with a large bicycle-shed next to it, has been erected against the south side of the gymnasium. There are about 80 lockers in the new room, and the old room, with 86 lockers, is reserved for the junior part of the School.

On the north side of the gymnasium the new lavatories have been put up. They are about eighty feet long, with concrete floor throughout, and contain showers and leg-showers of the latest type, and a dark-room with electric light and water laid on.

The armoury will very soon be enlarged, in order to accommodate the forthcoming new issue of Ross rifles for B company.

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The Camera Club are having a competition this term for three separate prizes. The subjects are these: (1) The best photograph of a scene of School Life; (2) The best portrait of a boy in some kind of uniform (cadet, scout or cricket); (3) The best picture of one of the School trophies. The members are trying to get these ready in time to be reproduced in this number of the magazine.

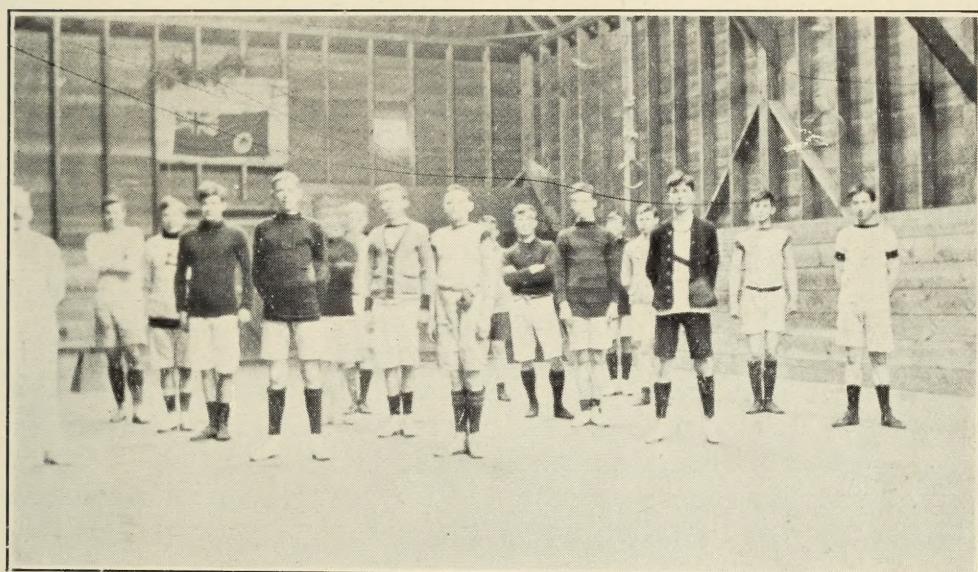
Special Examinations for this term are as follows:

April 3rd, B. C. Surveyors' Preliminary. Passed—E. D. Ashcroft.

May 9th, R. M. C. Entrance. Candidates—McGuigan, Spencer and Rand i.

June 12th, McGill Matriculation. Candidates—Wade i, Gordon i, Young i, Walker, Creery i, Creery ii, and Tatlow i.

The Librarian wishes to thank Mr. C. E. Ambery for the very kind gift of a large parcel of boys' books for the School Library.



IN THE GYMNASIUM

C. N. GALER

### CADET BATTALION NEWS.

Company Officers and Half-Company Commanders for this term are as follows:

A Company—Captain, H. R. Wade; Lieut., E. A. Wyld; Lieut., K. Macdonald.

B Company—Captain, R. W. L. Crawford; Lieut., A. Thorsen; Lieut., R. Beech.

C Company—Captain, K. A. Creery; Lieut., L. Woodward; Lieut., D. C. Shaw.

Battalion Sergeant-Major—H. B. Devine.

The following promotions have been made:

To be Sergeants—Corpl. E. D. Ashcroft, Corpl. L. McBride.

To be Corporals—Lance-Corporal D. Scott, Cadet E. J. Curtis, Cadet C. Munro.

To be Lance-Corporals—Cadet E. A. Agur, G. B. A. Baker, A. C. Stirling, R. L. Challoner.

The following have qualified in Signalling:

Sergt.-Major Devine, Sergt. Taylor, Sergt. McBride, Lieut. Shaw, Cadet Drewry, Lance-Corporal Watt.

The signalling class at the Drill Hall has kept up its practices very faithfully, with excellent results. Some of the other members are: Bugler Campbell, Cadet Morten, Lieut. Beech, Sergt. Sanderson, and others.

The Band has done some good work, and its services are much appreciated on the march. The thanks of the members of the Band are due to a number of officers and cadets who subscribed a sum sufficient to equip the band with new drums of the deep pattern.

The drill programme of this term is fuller than usual, in view of the inspection in June, and includes Company Drill, Battalion Drill, Skirmishing, and an occasional field practice with a little blank to add to the realism.

We append an account of the first two of these field-days (so-called by courtesy, for they only lasted an hour and a half).

An interesting tactical scheme was worked out on Thursday, April 20th. Captain Wade with A Company was the Red force, whose orders were to reconnoitre Mt. Tolmie from the south, and ascertain with what artillery it was held, if any. The guns were represented by flags of various colours. The rest of the battalion under Major McGuigan was the Blue force, whose duty was to prevent the enemy from even seeing what was on the top of Mt. Tolmie.

Captain Wade sent one section with Sergt.-Major Devine to make a demonstration (in their own words, a "dickens of a noise") against Red's left, which they did very satisfactorily. Captain Creery, however, who commanded at this point, not being able to get into touch with his O. C., decided not to send any reinforcements in this direction.

The result was that, when Blue's main attack developed on the centre, it was still strongly held by five sections against three, and only a slight delay in bringing up the supports saved Capt. Wade's force from annihilation. As it was, he calmly surveyed the hill with a telescope, disregarding a withering fire from Sergeant McBride's section, and when ordered to retire by the umpire, he had in his pocket the complete description, which he had come out to get, of the "artillery."

On his way back he delivered a sharp attack on the right of Capt. Crawford's (B) company. They were on the alert,

however, and though he gained a slight advantage, he could not have followed it up, even if it had been necessary to gain his information.

The chief lessons of the scheme were: (1) The difficulty of maintaining touch in densely-wooded country, and (2) the value of semaphore signalling when flags are not available.

The scheme of April 26th was carried out over much more open country. This time Capt. Wade and his company had to defend, their position being the Richmond Road car line which Major McGuigan, with two companies, was to capture or destroy. The attackers advancing from the Big Barn, C Company on the left, over the school property, and half of B Company over the "golf links." The rest had been formed into a cyclist section under Lieut. Thorsen, and they advanced along Lansdowne Road. The tactics at this point were deserving of better fortune. The cyclists made a feint of joining the main body, but instead of doing so they suddenly remounted their wheels, and attempted to turn Wade's left. However, they were slow in taking cover, and the umpire would not allow them to advance under the fire from Goodacre's Rock, which commanded the whole position. Meanwhile Capt. Crawford nearly ran into a bee's nest, in the shape of Sergt. Spencer's section, snugly ensconced in a little gully. Fortunately for Capt. Crawford, his opponent was so loth to expend ammunition on him, that he allowed him to push his attack right up to the gully, where the umpire declared Spencer to be massacred. This enabled Crawford to capture Goodacre's barns, and finally to reach the road, and take the other section in rear. On the left, Creery brought his company over the ground in good shape, if a trifle hurriedly, and, being unlucky enough to lose a whole section through letting them lie exposed to a cross-fire, when he came to close quarters he had only a slight superiority in numbers over his entrenched enemy, and was ordered to retire.

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### MUSKETRY INSTRUCTION.

The C. R. L. matches begin this year on May 27th, the last match being on June 17th. We are also entering a team of four in the Inter-Schools of Canada match, which we shall shoot on June 3rd, and the Schools of the Empire (Cadets) match, for a team of eight under 17 years old, to be fired on June 10th. In all these matches the conditions are similar, namely, seven shots each at 200 and 500 yards, regulation targets. Our chances of again carrying off the first prize in the C. R. L. series at one time looked very bright, but now

that three of our coming marksmen are smitten down by measles, the others will have to do a little extra to make up. We hope to have this year a chance of sending one or two boys to Ottawa for the D. R. A. meeting in August, and we also intend to send a team over to Vancouver in July to shoot at the B. C. R. A. meeting at the Richmond range, for a cup which we hear is to be offered by some interested friends in the old country, and for which the Vancouver High School Cadets are going to make a bid.



SCHOOL FROM SOUTH-EAST

A. C. HOPE

Mr. Harvey has ordered spoons of a special design for the weekly practices this year. Five of these have already been awarded as follows:

First Spoon—Capt. R. W. L. Crawford, score 54. Average 5 practices, 58.

Second Spoon—Sergt. J. Sanderson, score 55. Average, 47.

Third Spoon—Capt. H. R. Wade, score 50. Average, 43.

Fourth Spoon—Lieut. L. Woodward, score 47. Average, 38.

Fifth Spoon—Capt. K. A. Creery, score 60. Average 39.

It is only fair to note that Band-Sergt. K. Gordon has an average of 44, though he has not been lucky enough to win a spoon.

## CRICKET NEWS.

Owing to the fine weather which prevailed at the end of March, we were able to begin cricket much earlier than we expected. On March 28th, a meeting was held, with the masters and prefects present, and the officers were chosen for the coming year. H. R. Wade was chosen Captain, W. H. Stone, Vice-Captain, and K. A. Creery, Secretary, while A. Wyld, K. Gordon and C. L. Spencer completed the committee.

Mr. Barnacle took great pains to get us the best bats and other cricket goods that could be obtained. One or two of the bats were especially chosen for us by that great English batsman, Jessop himself, and we hope to do them justice. These things arrived from the old country about a week after the term began, and net-practice commenced at once. We have some good material to work on, and promising competition for places on the first eleven, and look forward to a most successful cricket season.

### School vs. The Staff.

April 25th.

This match resulted in a win for the masters by forty runs. Last year the score was a tie, both sides making 55. Mr. Sparks and Mr. Tracy made nearly all the runs for their side, totalling just 100 between them, while Mr. Sparks' bowling captured six wickets. The Staff only played nine men, Mr. Barnacle not batting. Wade made top score for the boys, while Creery bowled with good length and judgment, and took six wickets.

#### School.

Creery i, b Sparks .....	4
Spencer, b Sparks .....	6
Wade i (Capt.) lbw, b Collisson	15
Stone, b Sparks .....	14
McAnally, b Collisson .....	2
Gordon, b Collisson .....	0
Tatlow i, b Sparks .....	0
Thorsen, b Tracy .....	8
Ashcroft ii, b Sparks .....	13
Wyld, b Sparks .....	0
Beech, not out .....	0
Extras .....	7
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Total .....	69

#### The Staff.

Rev. W. W. Bolton, c Stone, b	
Creery .....	4
Mr. Harvey, b Creery .....	0
Mr. Tracy, c Thorsen, b Creery	31
Mr. Thomas, b Wade .....	0
Mr. Collisson, c Wyld, b Creery	2
Mr. Sparks, not out .....	69
Mr. Dobson, b Creery .....	6
Sergt. Soper, b Creery .....	0
Mr. Middleton, c Spencer, b	
McAnally .....	1
Mr. Barnacle did not bat .....	
Extras .....	2
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Total .....	109

### School vs. Garrison C. C.

May 3rd.

Our second match was played on our own grounds, and, while we had to acknowledge a defeat, as in the corresponding

match of last season, it was only by a very small number of runs. We were helped by four masters, and the game was very exciting at times, especially when their captain was got out, and we still had a chance to win. The day was decidedly chilly, with a cold wind.

<b>School.</b>	<b>Garrison.</b>
Mr. Barnacle, c Foulkes, b Askey .....	Gnr. Stevens, b Sparks .....
Askey .....	17 Sales, c and b Sparks .....
Wade (Capt.), c Gale, b Greatorex .....	Q.-M. S. Roberson, b Sparks..
rex .....	22 Lieut. Moore, R. N., b Barnacle
Mr. Sparks, c Foulkes, b Askey .....	10 Capt. Foulkes, c Sparks, b
Creery i, run out .....	Collisson .....
Mr. Collisson, lbw, b Greatorex .....	22 G.-M. S. Askey, c and b Barn-
Stone, c and b Askey .....	acle .....
Mr. Thomas, b Greatorex....	4 Greatorex, b Barnacle .....
Ashcroft ii, c and b Greatorex .....	0 Capt. Mills, c Stone, b Creery..
Spencer, b Askey .....	10 24 Corpl. Gale, c Thomas, b Sparks
Thorsen, not out .....	6 Corpl. Wyndham, b Sparks....
Gordon, b Askey .....	0 Gnr. Needham, not out .....
Extras .....	8 Extras .....
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Total .....	88 Total .....
	107

### University School vs. Collegiate School.

May 6th.

This was the first of a series of matches in the recently instituted School Cricket League, the inception of which is due to the generosity of Mr. Gillespie and his family, who have offered to present a handsome shield as a trophy to be competed for annually by the schools of the city. The match was played on the Jubilee Hospital grounds, lent for the occasion by the Victoria Cricket Club, and a committee of ladies very kindly furnished tea for the players and spectators. Creery won the toss, and put the Collegiate in to bat. The latter, however, were unable to cope with the bowling of Creery and McAnally, and all were dismissed for 18 runs. Creery took six wickets for five runs, and Ashcroft two for no runs, in four balls. The University then went in. Spencer and Thorsen hit a couple of fours each, but both were caught. With the score at 49 Gordon went in and compiled 22 by careful play, lacking judgment, however, in running. McAnally opened his innings by getting three fours, and then was unfortunately run out, and the innings finally closed for 101. The Collegiate's second innings was even more disastrous than the first, totalling only 15 runs, and leaving us victorious by an innings and 68 runs. In this innings Ashcroft captured 5 wickets for 2 runs, his analysis for the match being 5 overs, 2 runs, 7 wickets.

<b>Collegiate, 1st Innings.</b>		<b>2nd Innings.</b>	
Wilkinson c Thorsen, b Creery	0	Wilkinson, b Ashcroft .....	8
Clinton, run out .....	1	Clinton, c Tatlow, b Creery..	1
Talbot, c Spencer, b Creery..	5	Talbot, b York .....	0
Geiger, b Creery .....	2	Geiger, c Spencer, b Ashcroft..	0
Lafferty, b Creery .....	0	Lafferty, b York .....	0
Ross, b Creery .....	1	Ross, b Spencer .....	4
Wilkinson ii, b Spencer .....	5	Wilkinson ii, c Creery, b Ash- croft .....	0
Rochfort i, c Wyld, b Creery ..	3	Rochfort i, c Spencer, b Ash- croft .....	0
Nicholson, b Ashcroft .....	0	Nicholson, b Ashcroft .....	0
Rochfort ii, not out .....	0	Rochfort, ii, run out .....	1
Wright, c Thorsen, b Ashcroft	0	Wright, not out .....	0
Extras .....	1	Extras .....	1
Total .....	18	Total .....	15
 <b>University.</b>			
Spencer, c Rochfort ii, b Laf- ferty .....	15		
Thorsen, c Rochfort ii, b Laf- ferty .....	9		
Creery i, b Wilkinson .....	5		
Ashcroft ii, lbw, b Lafferty....	6		
Wyld, b Lafferty .....	5		
Creery ii, run out .....	12		
Gordon, b Wilkinson .....	22		
McAnally, run out .....	13		
Tatlow, b Lafferty .....	1		
York, run out .....	2		
Beech, not out .....	7		
Extras .....	4		
Total .....	101		

Atkins (with one hand bandaged up)—“I just put a match to some powder, only I didn’t get out of the way quick enough.”

York (watching Frederick Warde in Julius Caesar)—“Did the Romans really go about with hair-cuts like that?—Did they have neck shaves in those days?”

The following books will shortly be added to the School Library (I don’t think):

- “It’s a Fact,” (fiction), by A. Young.
- “High Finance,” by J. Tatlow.
- “Songs before Breakfast,” by N. S. York.
- “Fire-Escapes and Their Uses,” by No. 2 Dormitory.
- “When the Lights are Out,” by V. R. Sutherland.
- “Angels’ Visits,” by R. B. Hobson.
- “How to Dress in 15 Seconds,” by C. Munro.
- “How to Dress in 14 Seconds, by K. A. Creery.



### 14th Troop.

The troop has gained in strength, being now 52 strong, of whom seven are second-class scouts. They also have two proficiency badges for marksmanship.

The badges won since our last issue have been awarded as follows:

Tenderfoot—Scott Allan.

Second-Class—Chipman, Goddard i, Goddard ii, Watts, Atkins.

Marksman—Chipman.

### 15th Troop.

The troop maintains its strength at 32, and of these 22 are second-class scouts, with eleven proficiency badges.

Badges have been awarded since last March as follows:

Tenderfoot—Hart, de Pencier, Costerton, McCrea, Gordon ii, Phillips, Morten, Creery iv, Creery v.

Second-class—Rickards, Challoner, Palmer, Campbell, Tatlow, Beech, Halley, Nash, Hart, de Pencier.

Marksman—Watt, Drewry, Challoner, Potts, Taylor, Munro, Palmer, McCrea, Beech.

Several boys have made a good start towards their first-class badge, especially McBride, Taylor, Munro and Stanley. This term we find that the demands of cricket and shooting make systematic scouting rather difficult to work into the school programme, which is a pity, since the season is so favourable for this.

No. 1 Patrol (Seals) P-L Stanley, has been formed into a complete cyclists' patrol.

On March 18th, 22 scouts of the 15th troop went on a reconnaissance to Elk Lake, chiefly to look over the route for the first-class journey test. A meal was cooked by each patrol separately, and it may be noted that the standard of cooking has considerably improved. On the way home the journey was varied with ambushes, each patrol taking its turn.

On April 22nd, both troops paraded at a Brigade Rally at Beacon Hill Park, for an inspection by His Honour the Lieut.-Governor. About six troops sent up a patrol to give a display of scout work. The 15th did some station signalling (Morse) with only one letter wrong in 13 words, and were complimented by more than one of the 5th Regt. officers present.



A FOREST ROAD

MR. F. A. SPARKS

The 14th won the Brigade flag—from the 5th troop—for having the largest number on parade (33), and it was carried proudly back to the dining hall at Mount Tolmie.

A number of prizes have been offered by the City for the scouts' work to be displayed on Empire Day. Both troops are busy practising with a view to getting one of these prizes. Only ten minutes is allowed to each troop, and they may do anything they like. Points will also be awarded for general appearance on parade, and for the percentage of scouts taking part in the display of the troop.

The 14th troop could not turn out, but the 15th won the Fourth Prize, value \$20, for a display of Morse and Semaphore signalling, knot-tying blindfolded, cooking and boxing.

## SOME STRIKING SCHOOL SPECTACLES.

Athol Agur, Amateur Artist, Arranging Attractive Attitudes.  
Both Beefy Bakers Buoyantly Boxing, Bearing Bruises  
Bravely.  
Captain Creery, Commanding C Company Cadet Corps, Cour-  
ageously Charging Crawford's Clever Cyclists.  
Dutiful Devine Drastically Drilling Doleful Dubs.  
Earnest Edwin, Eagerly Entering Euclid Examination,  
Exclaiming "Easy."  
Fair-faced Fennell Flying Furiously, Frightening Foreboding  
Friends.  
Gifted George, Guessing Greek; Gratified Grin—Guess Good.  
Happy Higgins Hilariously Haw-hawing, Hearing Humorous  
Histories.  
Incautious Ian Incessantly Inviting Indigestion.  
Jaunty Jackson Joshing Jabbering Juniors.  
Kind Keith Kneading Kenneth's Knee.  
Long Leonard Laboriously Laying Labyrinthine Lines,  
Lighting Locker-room.  
Major McGuigan, Most Muscular Man Made, Meditating  
Magnificent Manoeuvres.  
Nash Neatly Nibbling Nice Nutritious Nougat.  
Our Only Oscar Obviously outrunning Obnoxious Opponents.  
Patient Phillips, Profusely Perspiring, Perusing Puzzling  
Problems.  
Quiet Quann Querulously Quaffing Quinine.  
Roy Riotously Rejoicing, Recovering Realistic Roman  
Remains.  
Sergeant Soper Showing Seven Small Scouts Semaphore  
Signalling.  
Tatlow Treating Taylor To Tremendous Tuck-in.  
University Undoubtedly Uppermost.

(To be continued.)

(Not if I know it—Ed.)

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## OLD BOYS' COLUMN.

Reginald H. Tupper (1906) has been awarded the King's Medal for the best cadet on the cruiser Cornwall, which has just completed an instruction cruise in the North Atlantic. Admiral Hawkes conveyed to the recipient the King's congratulations. He is now on H. M. S. "Indomitable."

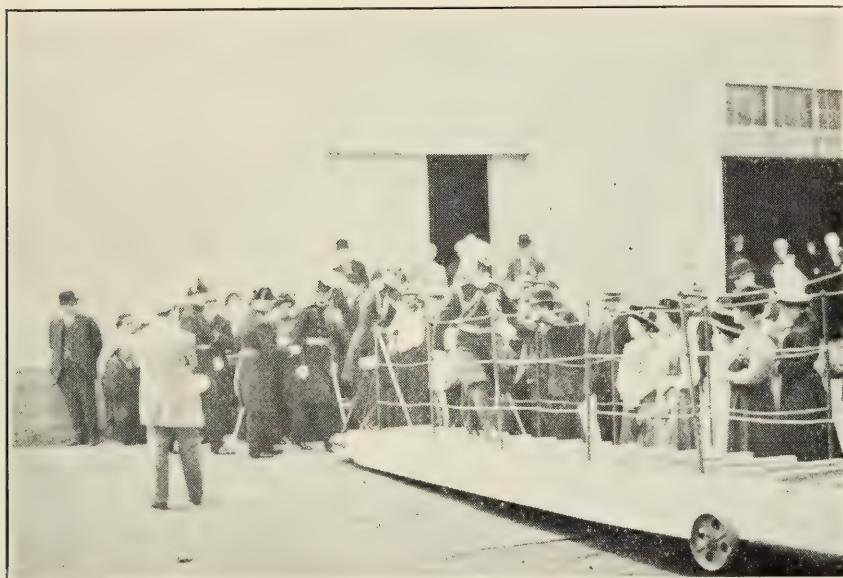
Lieut. A. H. Jukes (1901) of the Indian Army, has been gazetted Captain. Captain Jukes, who is only 25 years of age, passed into the R.M.C. from the Queen's School, and gradu-

ated in 1905. He has been stationed lately at Dehra Dun, and was Signalling Officer at Kasauli. We have it on good authority that he hopes for a staff appointment next year.

Ewart Jukes (1901) has been gazetted provisional Lieutenant in the recently organized 72nd Highlanders of Canada in Vancouver.

Roderick Bell-Irving (1908) has been gazetted provisional Lieutenant in the above regiment.

Kenneth Taylor (1901) has passed the final examination for British Columbia Provincial Surveyor. Mr. Taylor graduated from the R.M.C. in 1908.



GEN. FRENCH AT QUEBEC

R. WALLIS

Robin Bell-Irving (1909) has passed the Preliminary examination for B. C. Surveyor.

Duncan Bell-Irving (1910) is doing well at Loretto School. He is a regular member of the Third XV. at football, and has played occasionally for the Second. In miniature rifle shooting he came first in the whole school last term, making a score of 67 out of 70.

Dick Draper (1905) is a member of the science '13 class at McGill University in Vancouver. He is President of the Alma Mater Society, and Secretary of the Football Club.

Basil Sawers (1906) is in the same class at Draper. He is President of the Football Club, and Marshal of the Alma Mater Society, and of the Dialectic and Philosophical Society.

Jim Underhill (1901) is Captain of the Football Team of the same University.

Clare Underhill (1901) has just been granted his degree of B. Sc. at McGill University.

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### EXCHANGES.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines:

Canada—Acta Ridleiana (St. Catherines); The Ashburian (Ottawa); The Albanian (St. Albans); St. Margaret's Chronicle (Toronto).

English and others—Liverpool College Magazine; The Dovorian; The Shirburnian; College Echoes (Tientsin).

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### CAESAR: DE BELLO TOLMICO.

#### A Fragment.

But the enemy, perceiving the departure of our men from their camp at the town of Barnaculum, and having laid an ambush in two parts in the woods, awaited the arrival of the legions. Now, of this ambush, the one part consisted of the tribe of the Chief Oscarix, of great authority among his own men, and the other of the charioteers, the chariots having been left, as their custom is, in a hidden place, to whom the leader was a certain Axelo.

Of our men the greater part, namely the first legion, over which Caesar had placed in command Arrius Vadius his general, he himself being absent for the purpose of waging war against the Examinatores, together with the third legion under the leadership of the General K. Crerius, began the ascent of the mountain Tolmaeus.

The plan of the enemy having been ascertained from scouts, one cohort with the centurion C. Galerius having been sent forward for the purpose of seeing the place, the enemy having made an attack unexpectedly, fighting bravely they were killed to the last man.

Nevertheless, being frightened at the approach of our men, and thinking Caesar himself to be present, Oscarix departed with all his forces and betook himself into the woods.

These things having been done Vadius the general, fearing lest another ambush might be made, departed a little from the road and made a march through the mountains.

And so it happened that, escaping the ambush of Axelo, the legions arrived at the camp at Barnaculum, no wounds having been received.

## ROCHESTER CASTLE AND CATHEDRAL.

By G. B. A. Baker.

Gaunt and weatherbeaten, on a steep but short slope, stands Rochester Castle, of old the pride and fortress of Western Kent, now so degraded as to have become the mere resort of nursery-maids and lovers. No longer is the clang of clashing arms heard, or the cry of the rough soldiers,—these sounds are now supplanted by the gentle coo of pigeons coming to be fed at children's hands.

Rochester has been in existence from the very earliest historical times, and seeing its position on a navigable river—the Medway—not far from the sea, this is not to be wondered at. Adjacent to Chatham, the famous dockyard so often mentioned in Samuel Pepys' diary, it has shared with that town a considerable amount of trade. Moreover, the fact that it was on the main road to Dover, which even in those days was the chief port of sailing for the continent, has helped to keep up the prosperity of Rochester.

What different scenes must have been witnessed by that grim old keep, which seems to guard the town, as Gog and Magog do the Guildhall. The fierce fights of the Normans, the gorgeous processions when Henry VIII. came down to meet his wife from Holland—a Flanders mare he called her in disgust—the pomp when Elizabeth visited it, the harsh and iconoclastic soldiers of Cromwell—the joyous return of Charles II., when he stopped a night in the town, and lastly the two entries of the novelist Dickens, once as a poor ambitious ragged beggar, and again as the wealthy and respected writer. But all is changed; another act in life's play is on the stage, and still the keep, with features unaltered, gazes down, expressing neither admiration nor disgust at the present generation and its ways.

All that now remains of the castle is the keep, surrounded by walls of unequal height, but yet this little is of great interest. The keep stands well over one hundred feet in height, with three square and one round turret—ivy-mantled and loopholed, with jagged battlements and ramparts. It is of solid stone, held together by that mortar whose lasting powers are so apparent and so inimitable, still in places as hard as the day it was laid by order of some Roman General, to guard the Saxon shore against the Picts. Still, as a whole, it is a mere ruin. The arches of the banqueting-hall, carved from chalky stone, the outlines of the bedrooms and the dungeons may be still made out, but the floors have long since disappeared.

The keep is surrounded by a thick wall, now varying in height, which in turn was surrounded formerly by the moat. These walls are now about three feet thick, though some seem to have been thick enough to allow a carriage and pair to drive along the top. They contain loop-holes and look-outs, besides remains of the ancient gates, the water-gate and the draw-bridge, and other minor entries. Where once jousts and tourneys, trials and combats took place, now stands a terraced garden, with its walks neatly gravelled or asphalted.



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Walking round the castle walls, and looking down from one of its alcoves, the visitor gazes out over a wide view of the country; the dockyard at Chatham, the barges, with those red-brown sails so fast departing, slowly wending their way up the river towards Maidstone,—a battleship in the distance,—the military barracks,—all symbols of life and activity and modernism.

One feature however, you must not overlook before you go,—the Cathedral. Situated just under the Castle Hill, at first sight it is not so beautiful as might be expected. Its tower is squat, with a long nave, giving an appearance of lack of proportion. But go in. Not in its former beauty shall

you see it. It was robbed, and spoiled of that beauty long ago, when the soldiers of Cromwell used it as a stable and an inn, breaking all they could lay hands on. Built by the good Bishop Gundolph on the ruins of an ancient monastery, it has been added to from time to time, as its architectural features betray. The nave with its galleries and aisles, carved and pillared, the choir with its more ancient tombs, the chapels which have been restored since the days of Cromwell—these we still may see, but one thing is lost for ever, a feature which made pilgrims to Canterbury turn aside on their road to see it, namely a solid silver shrine, a present given to the cathedral long ago.

Many are the legends connected with these ancient buildings—too many to relate. The whole country-side teems with stories and myths, some of spectres, some of secret passages, while all around is a veritable store-house for antiquarians, relics having been found even of the battle of Aylesbury.

Thanks to local interest, which has now been awakened, steps are being taken for the preservation of these surviving links with the olden days, and it is to be hoped that future generations will keep the ancient monuments of Britain, her abbeys and castles, from becoming mere fast-decaying fragments of the past, and so keep in mind the olden glories of our land as well as the new.

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#### DON'TS FOR NEW BOYS.

1. Don't offer to treat the whole school at the tuck when you get a dollar from home. It is hardly likely that there will be enough left for a square meal when it comes to Scott Allan's turn.

2. Don't boast of the number of Indians you have slain in the frozen North, unless you can produce all the corpses, with a coroner's certificate attached to each.

3. Don't display photographs of beautiful girls who are supposed to admire you. There are limits to the credulity even of the first form.

4. Don't—if totally ignorant of Cricket—make sneering remarks about the slowness of the game. Wait till you have fielded for Mr. Sparks when he is feeling good.

5. Don't believe without hesitation everything your schoolfellows tell you, even if they come from Nanaimo. It is just possible they may be pulling your leg; at the same time, if they say that Mr. Barnacle wants you in the study, you had better not take any chances.

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IN AFFECTIONATE MEMORY

OF

**John S. Coburn**

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